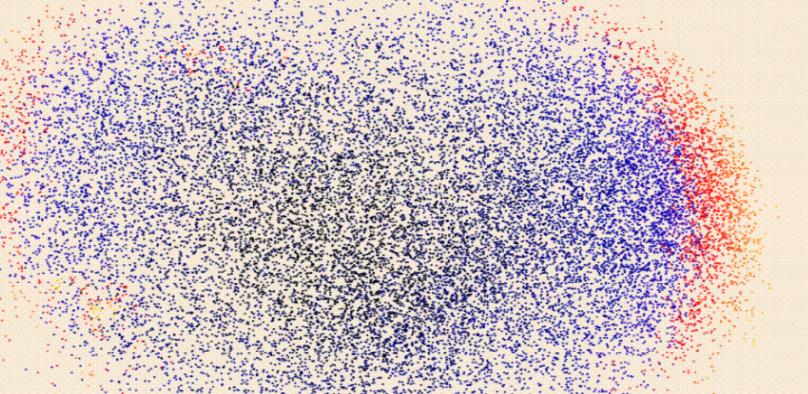


## RNAnet a Map of Human Genes



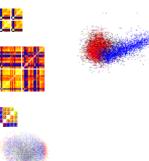
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## Introduction

- RNAnet is a firefox based web tool to explore human Affymetrix mRNA data in GEO using Ensembl gene and exon definitions
- Correlation heatmaps and scatter plots 2757 GeneChips for
  - All probes in a probeset
  - All probes uniquely mapped to an exon
  - Arbitrary (user defined) list of probe
  - All exons (approx 290 million)
- Web based detection of spatial flaws and single CEL file at a time quantile normalisation.
- Conclusions



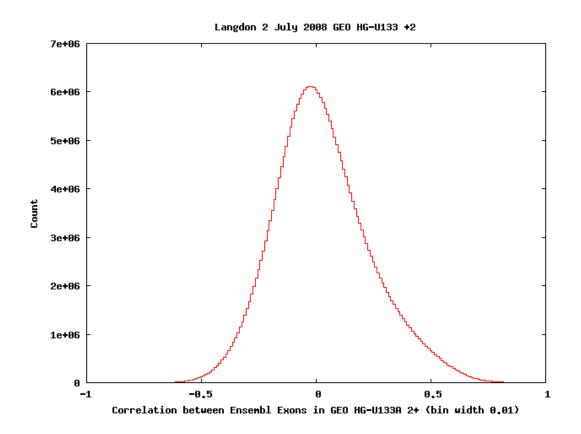
## RNAnet A Map of Human Gene Expression

- GEO contains 10s of thousands of published Affymetrix GeneChips.
- So far, RNAnet uses all the HG-U133 2+
- Affymetrix probes mapped to Ensembl exons (and so to Ensembl genes).
- Typically 2-11 PM probes per exon.
- Correlation between all probes in exon (should be free of alternative splicing etc)
- Best probe chosen (no G-spots!). 24132 exons, at least one exon from 14288 Ensembl genes
- All v all exon correlations calculated across 2757 arrays (290 million correlations)

### RNAnet - Results

- How to present 290 million numbers?
  - Static, eigen analyse (PCA) group exons with similar interactions.
  - Interactive, user selects genes or exons of interest.
  - Combined. PCA map guides user as to what might be interesting.

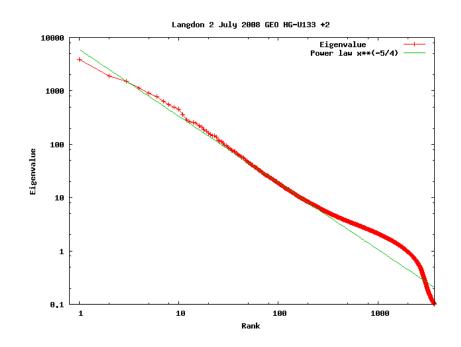
## Correlations between Human Exons



- Most correlations small.
- Slightly more +correlations than –
- Correlations are statistically significant

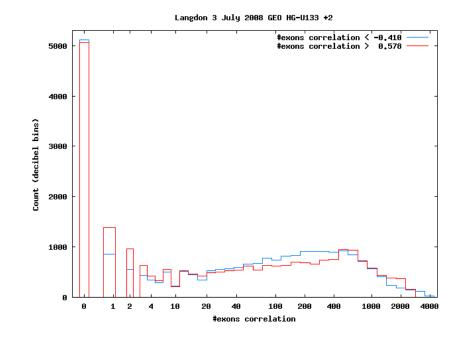
## Eigen analysis of Human Exon Correlations

- Correlation of 24132×24132 exons as square symmetric matrix.
- Eigen values fall rapidly.
   Power law typical of "small world" networks.
   Only first 500 needed.
- Most eigen vectors short, <8000.</li>
- Eigen analysis can approximate 300 million correlations with 400thousand numbers.



## Systems Biology "Small World" Network

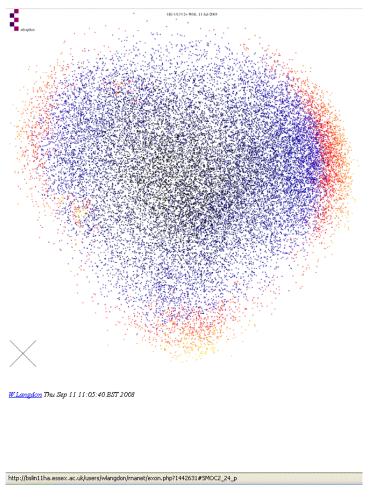
- The strong links (< -0.410 or >0.578) form a sparse network, which nonetheless connects nearly all exons.
- Average number of strong links is 32 (48)
- 2920 of exons have no strong links
- 350 exons are highly correlated with >2000 others.



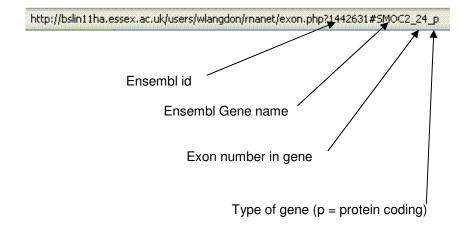
## Best Projection 24132 dimensions→2

- Linear projection onto first two eigenvectors (PCA) best preserves the relationships between 24132 exons.
- Exon placement given by PCA, colour given by average local correlation.
- Exons with weak correlations lie in centre, strong at edges, far from anti-correlated exons.

## RNAnet, gene by cursor



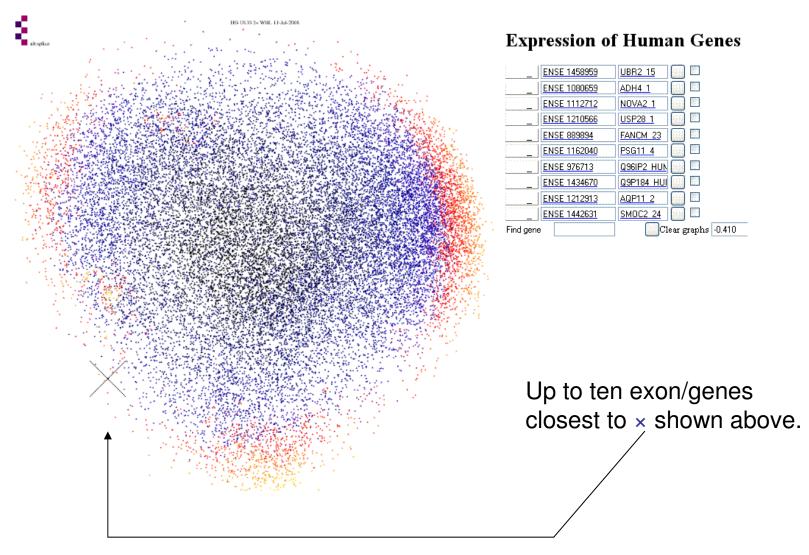
Dragging cursor over dot reveals link to table of correlations for that exon.



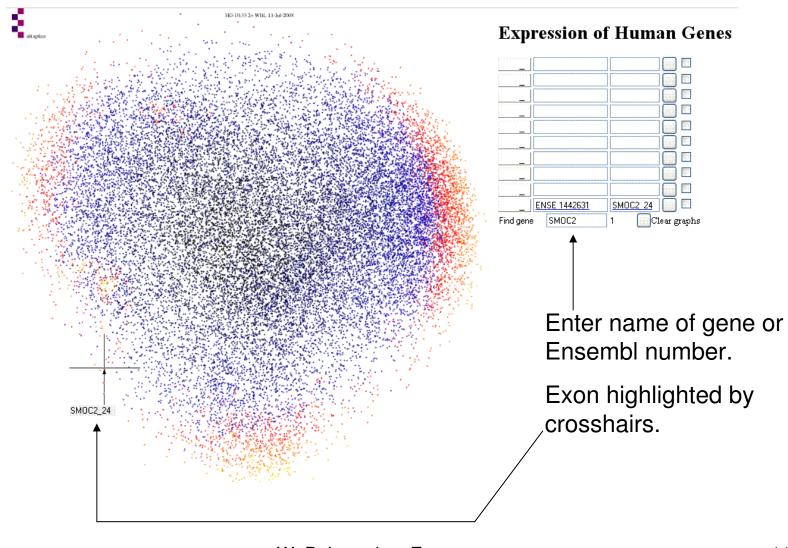
Black-blue low average correlation with 10 nearest neighbours. Red-Yellow strong correlation.

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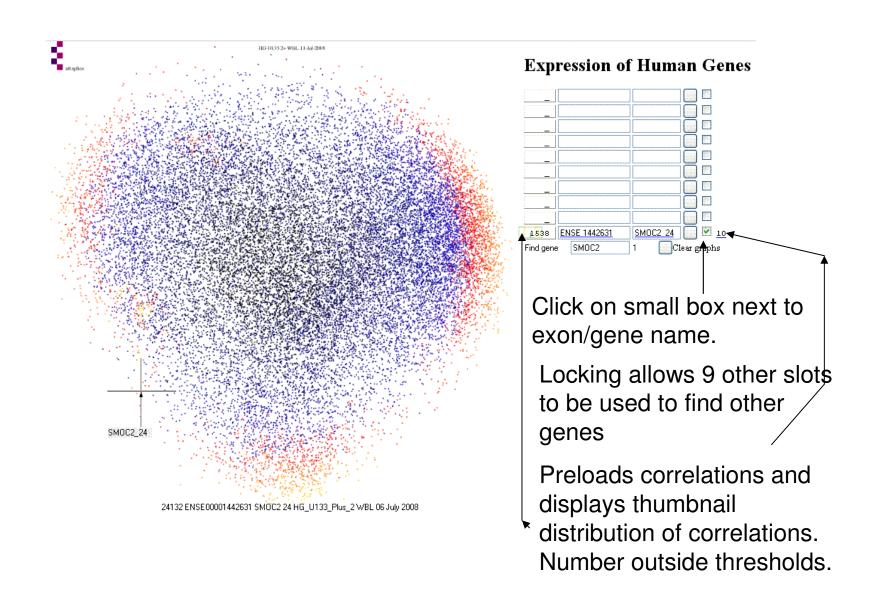
# Using crosshairs



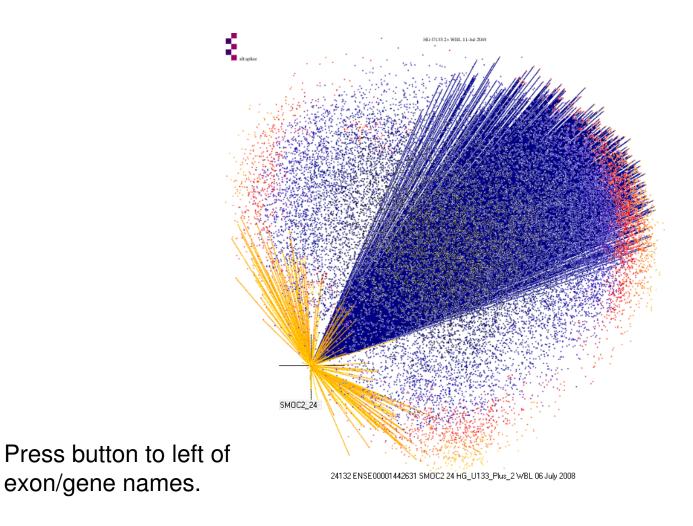
# Find genes using text search



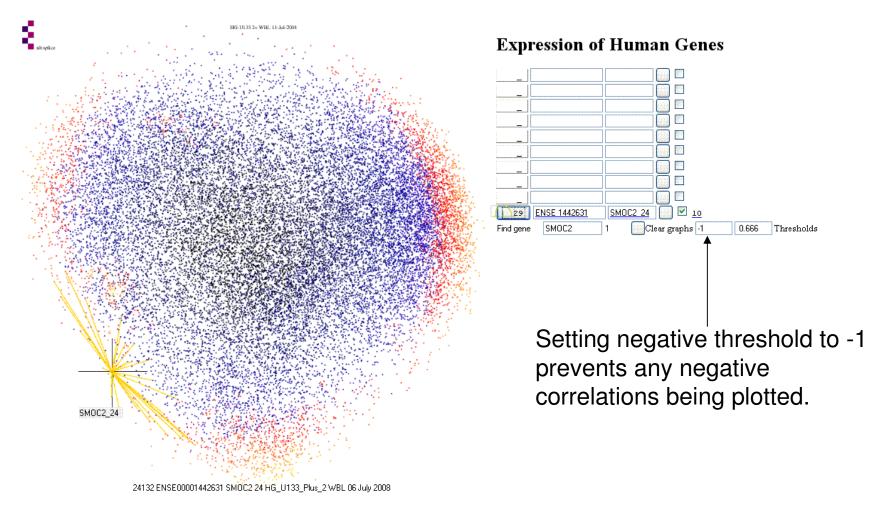
# Locking gene saves it whilst search for others



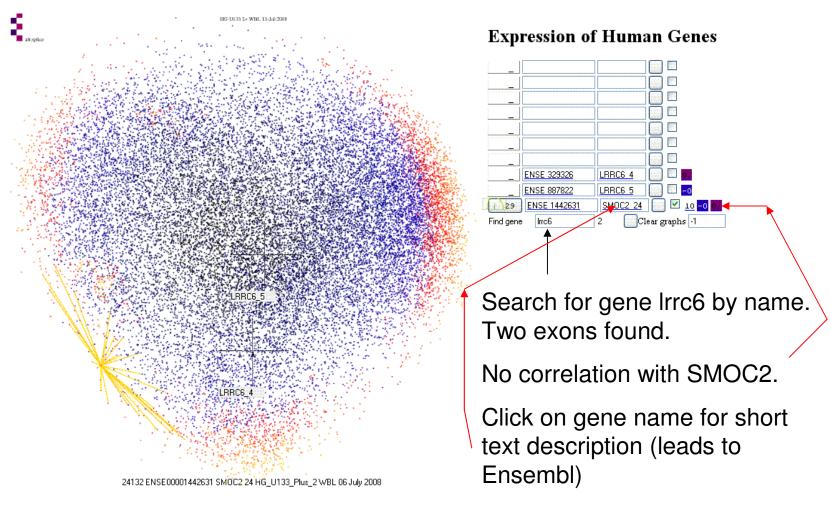
# Highlight strong links



# Adjust thresholds



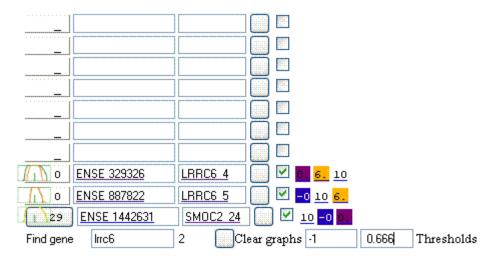
# SMOC2 (SPARC-related modular calcium-binding protein 2 precursor) LRRC6 (Leucine-rich repeat-containing protein 6)



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# LRRC6 (Leucine-rich repeat-containing protein 6) Correlation between exons 4 and 5 only

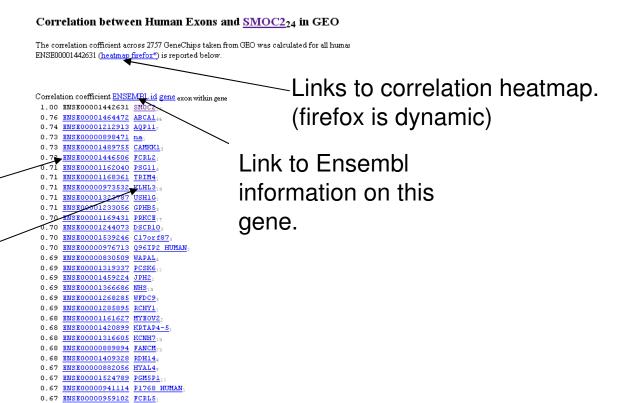
#### **Expression of Human Genes**



## Click to data as table

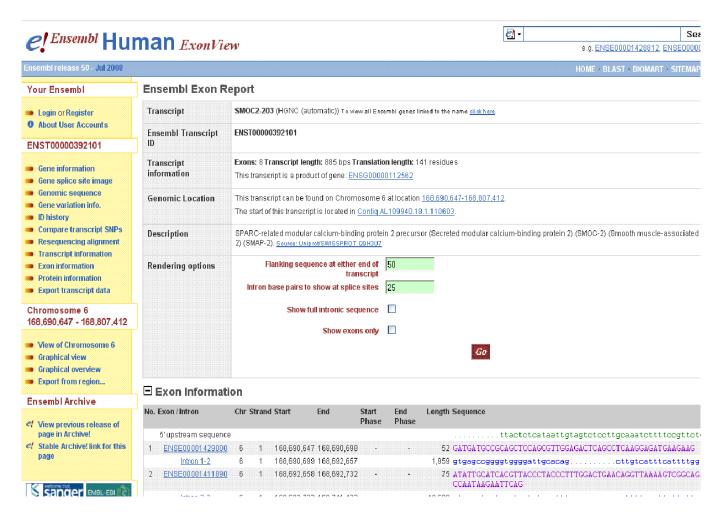
Hyperlink on exon leads to table of strong correlations for that exon.

Can follow links to other exons, or to short description of gene.



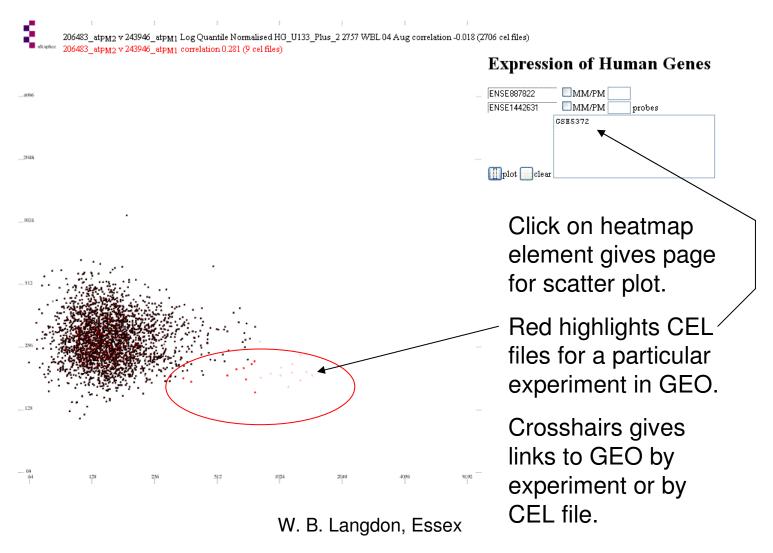
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## 2 clicks into Ensembl

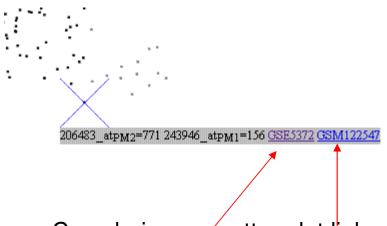


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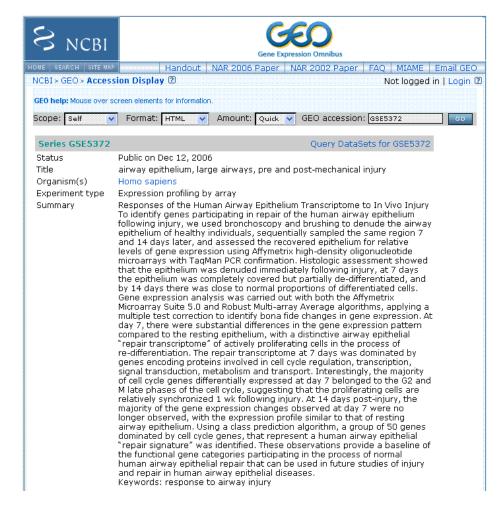
# LRRC6 (Leucine-rich repeat-containing protein 6) SMOC2 (SPARC-related modular calcium-binding protein 2 precursor)



# GEO description of experiment



Crosshairs on scatter plot links to both GEO description of experiment and of individual CFL file.

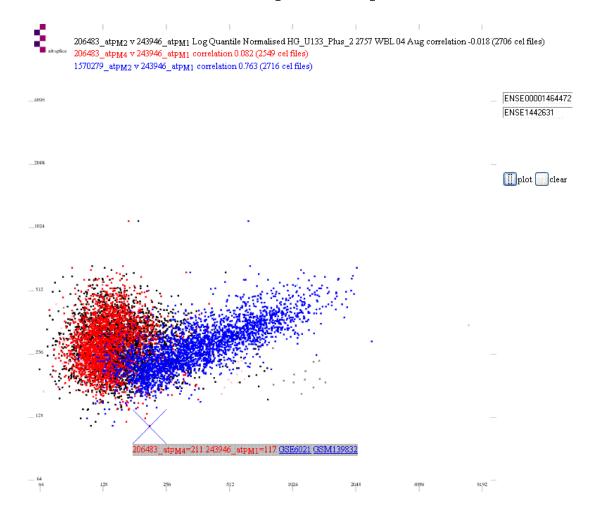


# Colour allows multiple plots

LRRC6 v SMOC2

LRRC6 v SMOC2

ABCA1 V SMOC2



# Dynamic Heatmap

#### Correlation of Expression of Human Genes in GEO

Exon ids for SMOC2 and LRRC6 (both) entered into ENSE lookup. Affymetrix probe ids generated.

Heatmap has links to scatter graph.

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→ 326 ENSE00000887822 __ENSE lookup

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# Dynamic Correlation Calculation

ENSE lookup

326 ENSE00000887822

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#### As previous slide, but as for table of numbers rather than heatmap.

#### Correlation of Expression of Human Genes in GEO

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## Conclusions

- Correlations between human exons are highly nonrandom. The network formed by pairs of strongly correlated exons is a "small world":
  - No exon is strongly correlated with all others
  - 2% exons are strongly correlated with >1000 others
  - Most exons are strongly correlated with <48 others</li>
  - By using multiple steps most exons can be reached
  - 12% of exons not strongly correlated with any others
  - Some "small world" power laws found.
- RNAnet is an interactive tool to explore RNA expression (protein gene and non-protien coding) of thousands of published 3' GeneChips covering virtually all medically interesting human tissues.
- Links to Ensembl and GEO.
- One CEL quantile normalisation and error detection.
- Future: extend to other arrays, other organisms, GO link?

# **END**

## Questions

- R code to average, detect flaws etc. under review. Release expected soon.
- Technical report CES-486.
- RNAnet, 150000 heatmaps, error detection, normalisation etc: <a href="http://bioinformatics.essex.ac.uk/users/wlangdon">http://bioinformatics.essex.ac.uk/users/wlangdon</a>